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SUBJECT: IMPROVING TRAVEL CONDITIONS FOR U.S. CORRESPONDENTS

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- 1. RESIDENT U.S. CORRESPONDENTS PROPOSE JOINT LETTER TO MFA ASKING FOR TRAVEL-REQUEST CONDITIONS IDENTICAL TO THOSE FOR SOVIET CORRESPONDENTS IN U.S., EXCEPT FOR NEED TO GO THROUGH EMBASSY. BEFORE SUBMITTING LETTER, CORRESPONDENTS WISH ASSURANCE FIRM EMBASSY AND DEPT. BACKING.
- 2. EMBASSY ENDORES THIS APPROACH, SUBJECT DEPT. CONCURRENCE. EMBASSY FURTHER PROPOSES THAT IF WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF LETTER SUBMISSION THERE IS NO POSITIVE MOVEMENT, DEPT. AND EMBASSY INDICATE TO SOVIETS WE REGRETFULLY WOULD BE FORCED TO CHANGE TRAVEL REQUEST PROCEDURES FOR THEIR CORRESPONDENTS TO CONFORM TO THOSE FOR OURS IN USSR. DEPT. WOULD THEN NEED TO BE PREPARED TO SO CHANGE, IF NO POSITIVE MOVEMENT IN REASONABLE PERIOD, E.G. ANOTHER TWO MONTHS. ADVISE.
- 3. IN VIEW FACT THAT SEVEN MONTHS HAVE ELAPSED WITHOUT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SOVIET RESPONSE TO INITIAL EMBASSY APPROACH ON MULTIPLE EXIT-

ENTRY VISAS FOR CORRESPONDENTS (MOSCOW 5034), DEPARTMENT MAY WISH CONSIDER IMPOSING 48-HOUR NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENT ON SOVIET CORRESPONDENTS' DEPARTURE FROM U.S. DEPARTMENT COMMENTS REQUESTED AS TO THIS SUGGESTION FOR RENDERING MORE EQUITABLE RESPECTIVE EXIT-ENTRY PROCEDURES FOR CORRESPONDENTS. DUBS

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